

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND
OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 2017 AT 8 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. K. R. Nott

Present: Mr. R. S. Brookes, Mr. R. Bryant, Mr. W. P. Clayton, Mr. M. Graham,
Mrs. J. Lushington, Mrs. R. K. Marsh, Mr. D. Patient, Mr. P. E. Pawsey
and Mr. G. Thomas.
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Together with 10 (ten) members of the public

55) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. A. L. Gardiner (family commitment), Mr. D. Finch and Mrs. I. Parker

56) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

57) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September 2017, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

58) MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

a) Telephone kiosk at North End

Mr. W. P. Clayton reported that arrangements had been made for the telephone kiosk at North End to be painted next year.

b) Trees near bus shelter at North End

Mr. W. P. Clayton reported that the trees had again been run over by vehicle(s) and concrete had now been laid to protect the trees.

There were no other matters arising.

59) CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received and listed in appendix one was referred to Councillors for information and the contents noted.

60) ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported receipt of the following:

Braintree District Council – Second half of the Precept	£2851.00
U.K. Power Networks – Wayleave payment	£38.95
The following accounts were presented for payment:	
Mr. Kevin Shears – grass and hedge cutting at Tilbury Juxta Clare	£350.00
My Garden Arb Business Limited – grass cutting at Lt Yeldham & North End	£1170.00
Mr. John Bright – grass and hedge cutting at Little Yeldham	£249.00
Mr. P. E. Pawsey – grass and hedge cutting at Ovington	£373.51

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67) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

In the absence of Mrs. I. Parker no report was given.

Mr. W. P. Clayton reported upon a recent incident when a sewage emptying lorry could not obtain access to the sewage plant at North End. It was understood that BDC had sold the land between the public highway and the sewage plant and it was unclear if a right of way had been reserved. The matter is now being pursued by Mrs. Parker.

68) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

In the absence of Mr. D. Finch no report was given.

Mr. K. R. Nott reported upon the enormous help recently given to him and his family by Miss. Jayne Laken, the Community Agent, who had spent significant time and arranged vital help. Her assistance had been invaluable and the services she provided were a huge benefit to him and to the whole area. Her post is funded by ECC and it was agreed that both the Chairman and the Clerk should write to Mr. D. Finch to emphasize that funding must continue for the vital work she carries out.

Mrs. J. Lushington added that Miss. Laken is often the only link between the Food Bank in Halstead and residents living in the rural areas who require assistance.

69) TO CONSIDER MEETING DATES FOR 2018

The following meeting dates during 2018 were agreed:

16 th January	Parish Council Meeting
6 th March	Ovington Annual Parish Meeting, Upper Farm, Ovington
13 th March	Little Yeldham Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm followed by Parish Council Meeting at 8pm
24 th April	Tilbury Juxta Clare Annual Parish meeting, Tilbury Church
15 th May	Annual Parish Council Meeting
17 th July	Parish Council Meeting
18 th September	Parish Council Meeting
13 th November	Parish Council Meeting

70) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 17/01912/FUL and 17/01913/LBC Sewells Farm, Little Yeldham – proposed conversion of redundant barns to three dwellings

Mr. W. P. Clayton raised the question of the vehicular right of way and access to the sewage plant, which must be retained. The Chairman reported upon the presumption in favour of the conversion of redundant farm buildings.

Ten members of the public attended the meeting to hear discussion and the Chairman invited one person to speak on their behalf.

The meeting adjourned for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Nigel Barker was nominated by the members of the public as their spokesman and he explained that residents were concerned about the access onto the public highway. In May 2017 ECC Highways had recommended refusal of earlier similar applications because of the dangerous access. Since then nothing has changed, but curiously ECC Highways no longer objects to the access. It was reported that no agricultural machinery

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had used the access in recent years and all buildings were empty. They had not been used for storage, until after the planning application was made, when a couple of items of equipment had appeared. The Parish Council was urged to oppose the application.

Upon conclusion of public comment the meeting resumed.

Councillors accepted the resident's concerns as legitimate and resolved to oppose the application upon the grounds of the bad access and exit onto the public highway. In Councillors opinion the reduction in the number of houses will not make any difference because the number of rooms would increase, which was likely to result in a similar number of occupiers and traffic movements. It was emphasized that the vehicular rights of way to the sewage plant must be preserved. The Clerk was asked to write to BDC accordingly.

b) 17/01935/FUL – 64 Little Yeldham Road, Little Yeldham – change of use/extension to approved commenced building (under 13/00336/FUL) to form annex. Mr. D. Patient reported upon this application for change of use and that the footprint is significantly larger in size. Following representations from Councillors, the Clerk had drafted a letter BDC, which had previously been circulated to the Little Yeldham Councillors. The draft letter was approved.

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

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(Chairman)